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Minutes

Name of Organization: **Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC)**

Date and Time of Meeting: **September 3, 2014 (9am-12pm)**

Meeting Location: **VBA Conference Room**

Members of the public were able to participate in person at the Veterans Benefits Administration Building, 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Reno, NV 89511 or Veterans Benefits Administration Office 6900 N. Pecos Rd. N. Las Vegas, NV 89086

***Call to Order**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Davis calls meeting to order at 9:00 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Deputy Director Gerald

ROLL CALL: Yvonne Betron calls roll for official members.

Members present include: Anne Davis, Roberta Pike-Oates, Anthoneal Newman, Sharlee Smith, Lesli Ellis-Wouters

Non-council members present during Roll Call include: Yvonne Betron, Willette Gerald, Carol Simenson and Lucia Garces.

Members of the public in attendance: none

Motion to approve agenda: Sharlee Smith moved to approve agenda, Roberta Pike-Oates seconded. Agenda was approved by unanimous decision.

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Motion to approve previous minutes: Roberta Pike-Oates moved to approve 8/15/14 minutes. Sharlee Smith seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and final approval of interim report to the Governor. Sharlee Smith approved the final report with suggested changes. Roberta Pike-Oates moved to approve the final interim report with changes.
- Final interim report will be sent to Kat Miller for delivery to the Governor's Director of Veteran Policy, Caleb Cage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding difficulties using TriWest insurance in Northern Nevada. Sharlee Smith will gather more information from Glenna Smith and locate a person from TriWest to speak to the committee. Carol Simenson will also get the contact information for Susan Parker to Yvonne Betron.
- Dr. Sally Haskell called into the meeting and discussed the powerpoint (attached to minutes) she provided for the committee members with regards to Women Veterans Healthcare in the VA.
- Gina Hemma, Women Veterans Program Manager, called into the meeting and spoke about the current programs and offerings for our women veterans being serviced through the Salt Lake VAMC.
- Discussion was held regarding how to approach unique populations to include incarcerated vets, homeless vets, suicide, LGBT etc.
 - Anthoneal Newman will present state comparisons for the numbers of special population vets and
 - Lucia Garces to send directive regarding LGBT veterans
 - Willette Gerald will find out what kind of transitional services are provided to incarcerated veterans at the next meeting of the incarcerated veterans committee meeting.
 - Yvonne Betron will be reaching out to a person to speak to us about LGBT care and issues.
- Discussion was held regarding the multimedia approach that should be used to reach women veterans (Billboards, banners PSA's etc.)
 - Anthoneal Newman will check with her contact with Wounded Warriors for PSA's and advertising.
- Yvonne Betron will be sending out a message to all of the lady vets in Elko to see about getting a committee member to replace Lesli Ellis-Wouters.

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NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is set for October 22, 2014 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Davis made a motion to adjourn, Charley Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.